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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 14, 2004

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.